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## McDOUGALL WELCOMES RESUMPTION OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS

Ankara- External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall today welcomed the announcement that the bilateral negotiations of the Middle East peace process will resume in Washington on April 27, 1993.

"I am pleased that all the parties have agreed to return to the negotiating table," said Mrs. McDougall. "An early breakthrough is certainly required to bolster confidence on all sides and make progress toward peace possible."

The negotiations had been interrupted for four months. Canada remains firmly committed to its support of the peace process, which started in Madrid in late 1991, as evidenced by its participation in the multilateral phase of the peace talks, especially in the Working Group on Refugees for which Canada 'holds the gavel'.

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